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Filing Date : April 6, 2001  
Title : Method And Apparatus For Receiving A  
Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power  
Source

Docket No. : ITW 7188.63

PETITION TRANSMITTAL

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT

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Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because of actual infringement.

**1. Accompanying material**


Accompanying this petition is:

- (a) a Statement of Facts in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Actual Infringement;  
and
- (b) a Statement by Attorney in Support of Petition to Make Special Because of Actual Infringement

**2. Fee** (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) - \$ 130.00)

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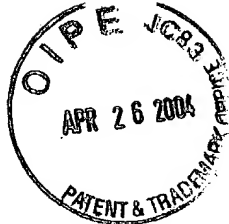
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STATEMENT BY PRACTITIONER IN SUPPORT OF PETITION  
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Applicant has petitioned to make this application special because of actual infringement. This is a statement by the attorney of record in support of that petition.

I, Name of person making statement.

I, George R. Corrigan, am the practitioner in this case and make the following statements:

II. Actual Infringement

There is an actual infringement of this invention. The product infringing is the Thermal Dynamics CutMaster 38®.

The Thermal Dynamics CutMaster 38® is actually on sale.

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### III. Rigid Comparison

I have made a rigid comparison of the Thermal Dynamics CutMaster 38® with the claims of this application. The comparison included reviewing CutMaster 38® literature provide by the manufacturer, reviewing the circuit of the CutMaster 38®, and reviewing the output of the CutMaster 38® for various inputs.

In my opinion, at least claims 25, 26, 28, 29-32, 34-36, 38, 40-42, 44-47, 49-51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 60 and 61 on file in this application are unquestionably infringed.

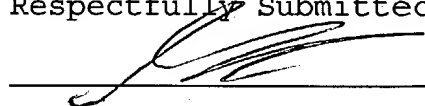
### IV. Prior Art

I have made a search of the pertinent prior art. All such material art has been previously provided to the Examiner in a Information Disclosure Statement, and is of record in the application.

### V. Allowable Claims

All the claims in this application as on file have been allowed. I agree that all claims are allowable.

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